

**REMARKS**

Consistent with the Notice, Applicants have submitted "...only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment..." *i.e.*, the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of Applicant's Response filed on September 25, 2008. The remaining portions of Applicants' Response are incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant respectfully submits that any deficiencies noted with respect to the proper status identifier of the claims have been addressed and cured, and submit that no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that all claims under consideration are in condition for allowance for all the reasons discussed in Applicant's response to non-final office action, submitted September 25, 2008.

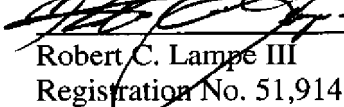
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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